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KOLLEK TURNS DOWN BASTILLE DAY INVITATION

Jerusalem.—Mr. Teddy Kollek, the Mayor of Jerusalem, has turned down an invitation by the French Consul to take part in celebrations marking the 14 of July—Bastille Day.

In his reply, Mr. Kollek explained his refusal by the fact that the French Consul had consistently turned down invitations by the municipality to attend events commemorating the reunification of Jerusalem.

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DAYAN DISCUSSES ARAB DEMANDS WITH HEBRON MAYOR

Hebron.—Mr. Moshe Dayan, the Israeli Defence Minister, went to Hebron on Wednesday where he met the Mayor, Sheikh Mohammed Ali Jabari with whom he discussed matters of interest to the city.

The matters discussed included the help the Israeli Government could give for the establishment of a university in Judea and Samaria; the marketing of Judean products in Israel; expansion of the family reunion scheme; repatriation of deportees; and the anti-terrorist measures which sometime cause hardship to innocent members of Arab families.

The meeting took place at Hebron town Hall which is decorated with two large paintings of the Tombs of the Patriarchs, one the work of a local Jewish painter.

After the meeting Mr. Dayan and his party were invited for lunch at the Mayor's house.

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JORDAN LIKELY TO ASK FOR SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING

United Nations.—Jordan is expected to call for a meeting of the Security Council to hear a complaint about the status of Jerusalem. A formal request may be made within the next two weeks. Meanwhile, behind-the-scene-negotiations on a resolution to be presented by Amman has forced the Jordanians to drop a sanctions clause.

The debate, if it takes place, will doubtless centre on Israel's building scheme in the Arab sector of Jerusalem, rather than on the Holy Places.

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RABIN JOINS TEL AVIV BRANCH OF LABOUR PARTY

Tel Aviv.—Mr. Itzhak Rabin, Israel's Ambassador to the United States, who was Chief of Staff during the 1967 Six-Day War, has joined the Tel Aviv branch of the Israel Labour Pary.

The move is regarded as significant in view of the reports that Mr. Rabin will relinquish his Washington post before the end of the year. It is widely expected that he will be appointed to a Cabinet vacancy.

Mr. Rabin has been mentioned as a candidate for the Development portfolio now held by Mr. Haim Gvati who is also Minister of Agriculture.

The Israel Labour Party's Tel Aviv branch is headed by Mr. I. Rabinowitz, an influential member of the party machine.

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RUSSIANS CLAMP DOWN ON EXIT PERMITS

London.—There has been a drastic decrease in the number of exit permits to Israel issued in Moscow since the beginning of this month. During the first week of July only one Moscow applicant received a permit, the JCNS Correspondent on East European Affairs reports.

According to reliable sources one of the reasons for the decrease is the "disappearance" of many affidavits arriving in the Soviet Union from relatives in Israel for would-be Jewish emigrants.

The KGB (security police) is now intercepting letters containing the affidavits with the result that Jews wishing to apply for exit permits are not receiving the documents.

HEBREW COURSES IN 80 AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOLS

New York.—About 80 secular high schools in the United States are at present holding Hebrew courses for 4,309 students. According to Dr. Judah Lapson, Director of the National Hebrew Culture Council, this is an increase of 682 new students over last year.

TERRORISTS CHOOSE ISRAEL ESCAPE ARAB "BROTHERS"

Israel foes included on provisional executive

In recent months a new group, with a special interest in the Middle East, Canadians for a Middle East Understanding (CAMEU), has made its appearance. Its purpose, as stated in the organization's letterhead, is "to promote understanding of the Arab-Israeli problem, and to work for peace and justice and compassion in the Middle East."

While the creation of an organization seeking understanding, peace and justice would normally be welcomed there are some serious reasons for looking at this group with considerable suspicion.

An examination of CAMEU's statement of purpose reveals nothing dire. The organization claims to accept Israel's existence, it offers no one-sided assessment of blame, it calls on both Israelis and Arabs to relieve the desperate situation of refugees and it recognizes that there are still Jews in Arab lands living in severely disadvantaged conditions.

What does worry one is the nature of its provisional Executive Committee which includes the Rev. A. C. Forrest, implacable foe of Israel and editor of the United Church Observer; Dr. Frank H. Epp, Mennonite minister, author of "Whose Land is Palestine?" which threatens Israel with God's punishment if she does not mend her ways, and Professor A. D. Tushingham, whose writings are reported to have a strong pro-Arab bent.

There is one token Jew on the Committee, Jack Cowan, prominent leader of UJPO, an organization which has not deviated in its support of the Soviet Union since its organization in the years of the depression. This dwindling remnant of pro-Soviet, anti-Israel Jews recently helped Jack Cowan celebrate his 70th birthday with a testimonial dinner.

When Cowan was asked how he could, in good conscience, in view of his own political record, serve on the Executive Committee of an organization which claimed to be "neutral" in the Arab-Israeli conflict, he responded, "For the purposes of serving on this Executive Committee, I accept the statement of principle as set forth. It is a question of compartmentalization. As a businessman, I operate in the capitalist system while, at the same time, I don't believe in the system. The only way a person of my convictions can survive is to compartmentalize my mind."

The co-Chairman of the organization is the Rev. John Morgan, Minister of Toronto's First Unitarian Church. In the last three years this church has been the scene of several pro-Arab gatherings. Dr. George Haggar, the president of Canadian Arab Federation, appeared as the only speaker at a seminar on the Middle East. Rev. A. C. Forrest was invited to discuss his book with John Morgan in attendance as Chairman. When asked whether, in view of the several pro-Arab programs held at his church, it was not time for a presentation of the other side, John Morgan responded that there really is no other side unless one wishes to offer the excuses of a racist, militarist state and that, furthermore, the case for Israel has been presented so often there is no point in presenting it again.

The March 28th issue of Unitarian Horizons, a publication of the local Unitarian Church, accuses Israel of supporting apartheid in South

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End of Fatah myth reveals hypocrisy

"My comrades and I decided to ask Moshe Dayan to admit us into Israel. We know here none will try to kill us. Here we will be safe."

These are the exact words of a Palestinian terrorist who surrendered to the Israeli army in the presence of M. J. Nurenberger, of The Canadian Jewish News currently in Israel. He writes:

"Scores of terrorists have already crossed the Jordan River east of the Beit Shean Valley. They return not as conquerors to destroy the Jewish state, but as refugees from Hussein who, on Monday, declared them outlaws. They remind this reporter of the vanquished survivors of Hitler's youth brigades in the spring of 1945.

"The largest concentration of potential refugees waiting to cross the Jordan is at Karameh where Al Fatah claimed victory against Israeli invasion four years ago at the height of Israel's struggle against the terrorists. All enemies of Israel, including some church leaders in Canada, then hailed these misled youngsters hired as killers by foreign interventionists as heralds of a new Palestinian nation. Now these escapees in rags, reminiscent of defeated Nazi hordes, beg Israel to admit them. They use underwear as white surrender flags and throw away their guns when facing Israeli military police.

"According to estimates here, there are only 600 terrorists left in Jordan. Diplomats say that Iraq closed its Jordan border because it does not want them on its territory.

"The Arab guerrilla movement was founded by the Arab national states as an alternative to conventional warfare in the effort to conduct the military struggle against Israel. They were, from the beginning, instrumentalities of the various national governments which financed them. Their activities were turned on and off like a tap by these governments.

Following the 1967 war, the guerrilla movements began to search for ideological underpinnings. The ideology, however, remained the weakest part of the operation; the main fuel continued to be a fierce rage against Israel.

However, what did succeed was the propaganda battle. Al Fatah, the Palestine Liberation Organization, and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, became extremely well known throughout the world as press and television visited their training camps and revelled in Khaffiya clad figures leaning over bazookas or lurking behind rocks. Some Western observers were gripped by the sight of "tigercubs" -- boys from nine to fourteen gripping sub-machine guns and shouting slogans of revenge.

The myth of the Arab guerrilla movement is now shattered. Smashed by the weakest of the Arab states.

Even more important, the surrender of guerrilla forces to Israelis, in preference to their Arab "brothers", is also proof of the basic humanity of Israel's administration of the West Bank, the decent treatment she gave captured terrorists and the respect Israel pays to her Arab minority.

Efforts by Israeli forces committed to limiting terrorism, to persuade the world that preventive detentions and the blowing up of houses, were the acts of an oppressive, militaristic nation, have become laughable in the face of today's facts. The terrorists themselves prefer Israeli justice to that provided by Arab governments.

George Habash, Popular Front leader

Moroccan Jews endangered by coup repercussions

TEL-AVIV.—King Hassan has defeated the abortive coup against his regime, but North Africa will remain a danger zone, according to reliable sources in Tel Aviv. This area controls the approach through the Atlantic to Spain and Western Europe.

Libya continues to support the Moroccan revolutionaries against King Hassan. Colonel Kadafi, the Libyan leader, officially stated on Tuesday that all Libyan arms, including French-supplied Mirages, are at the disposal of the opposition. The French, however, can hardly afford to tolerate a situation where their arms are used against the power in North Africa most friendly to them.

As the revolutionary forces are gathered up, King Faisal of Saudi Arabia, King Hussein of Jordan, President Suleiman Franjieh of Lebanon, and President Habib Bourgiba of Tunisia, have publicly congratulated the Moroccan king on his victory. The more conservative and pro-western Arab nations have convinced Washington and Paris that not Israel but Libya and Egypt, with Moscow support, are now the enemy to watch. In public they will continue to advocate sanctions against Israel, but in private they fear Russian-inspired pressure against them in Jordan and in North Africa, particularly on the exposed (right) flank of Tunisia.

Experts on Arab affairs warn that this new inter-Arab conflict may adversely affect Washington's attitude toward Israel. They warn that despite denial in the American capital, Washington may officially support Jordan at the September Security Council meeting when the Jordanians plan to protest "Israel's annexation of Jerusalem."

They warn, further, that Washington may have to balance support of Israel against the need to support pro-western Arab powers against Libya. The trade-off may not be in Israel's favour. Reliable sources point to the statement by Moshe Dayan this week that the American government is not delivering sufficient defensive arms to Israel. The statement may be interpreted as a protest against American failure to recognize the vital importance of a unified Jerusalem to Israel, and an undermining of the American commitment to keep the military balance between Egypt and Israel.

The coup in Morocco has also reached into the Jewish community there. Israel fears for the safety of the thirty thousand Moroccan Jews. Political leaders in Morocco, anxious to create confusion, have accused "Jewish leftists and communists" of supporting anti-royalist forces. Reports from Paris indicate that a number of Jews in Casablanca and Rabat have been arrested on trumped-up charges.

Canadian Indians scalped by film documentary

North American Indians have long complained that books and films about the old west are generally slanted against them, and not to be trusted any more than the treaties their ancestors were persuaded to sign. As an aggrieved minority, they take exception to the white man's version of Indian history, the culture and social code developed in the wilderness by early native communities, the mighty hunters, the sages.

Last Friday in Toronto the Indians fought and lost another battle. The scene: the Supreme Court of Ontario. The issue: a film documentary titled "The Taming of the Canadian West". Four Indian groups were seeking an injunction against the TV presentation slated for Sunday, July 18.

Refusing their request, Mr. Justice Rod Ker said that a ban on the documentary would violate freedom of expression. The judge added, "There has not been, in my opinion, a prima facie showing that if this film were shown it would violate a legal right or commit a wrong, or slander or libel a living person."

The groups which consider the film and the book of the same title an affront are the National Indian Brotherhood, the Indian-Eskimo Association, the Union of Ontario Indians, and the Canadian Indian Center of Toronto. They are the recognized voices of the Indian minority in Canada.

CTV president Murray Cherkover welcomed the verdict with the observation that a contrary decision would have limited broadcast journalism to those topics which would offend no one.

Fred Plain, president of the Union of Ontario Indians, said that the Indian groups have applied for a writ of mandamus. They want the CRTC to hold a public inquiry into their complaint. "We hold that such films perpetuate a racist image of Indian people," he stated.

Frank Rasky, Staff writer for the Canadian Star Weekly Magazine stated:

"I think it is dangerous in a democratic society when a formerly oppressed group becomes oppressive. As I pointed out in my brief to the Canadian Radio-Television Commission, I happen to be a member of a minority group myself. But, as a Jew, I would not consider trying to suppress the performance of Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice. I do not like Shakespeare's presentation of the Jew as a usurer, but it would be historically inaccurate to deny that some Christians in his time regarded Jews in that light. In my film documentary, I simply presented both the virtues and deficiencies of the Indians as they were seen at that time by the exploiting white fur-traders and missionaires.

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Sapir warns

Defence costs rising in spite of ceasefire

Reports that Israel's defense costs were going up, now down, inspite of the ceasefire came this week from Mr. Pinhas Sapir, the Finance Minister. August will mark the first anniversary of the ceasefire on the Suez Canal.

Mr. Sapir issued his warning when he attacked in Haifa what he called "the distorted picture of the Government's record on social problems and housing", a reference to the Black Panther demonstrations against "slum" living conditions and restricted employment opportunities for Israel's "Oriental" Jewish communities.

He told the Haifa Labor Council's Economic Club that the Government had been building homes for the working population since the State had been established in 1948 and the $33 million now released for new housing was not the end of Government steps in the matter.

The allocation of $33 million more for housing was announced last week after a group of 50 young married couples camped out in an Ashdod public park to call attention to their housing needs.

During the last four years, the living standards of the Israeli population had gone up, not down, Mr. Sapir emphasised.

GROWTH DEPENDS ON NEW IMMIGRANTS

He then refuted allegations that new immigrants were receiving special privileges in housing and settlement. Angrily he said that such arguments had to stop because the newcomers were needed for Israel's "security and growth".

The Finance Minister also strongly disagreed with a general belief that the high costs of housing was caused by speculation.

He said that Solel Boneh, the construction company of the Histadrut which was responsible for 48 per cent of the building in the country, was not "a speculator".

Israel Black Panthers split over funds to visit United States

Jerusalem.—Israel's Black Panthers have split over the origin of funds made available to a Panther delegation due to visit the United States soon. The aim of the visit is to inform American Jews of the Panthers' claim that the money they send to Israel is not used for the purposes specified.

Mr. Edi Malka, a Panther leader, told journalists on Tuesday that the funds for the delegation's American visit had been provided by the Soviet Union through Israeli Left-wing elements.

El Fatah and other Arab sources had also offered money to the Panthers, Mr. Malka said.

He claimed that many of the Panthers taking part in a recent Jerusalem demonstration had been armed.

Other Panther leaders denied his allegations and said that he was embittered because he had been dismissed from the leadership. However, they refused to disclose the origin of the money for their travel costs, said to be about $60,000.

Mr. Malka said he had resigned because of the suspicious origin of the funds accepted by the other leaders.

In Haifa a group of Panthers demonstrated against the opposition of Mount Carmel residents to the opening there of an institution for homeless girls.

The demonstrators were led by Mr. Nathan Katz, an Ashkenazi student belonging to the New Left Matzpen group.

French angered by Scheel visit to Israel

Paris. - While Israel has expressed satisfaction with last week's visit by Mr. Walter Scheel, the West German Foreign Minister -- Israel's Foreign Minister, Mr. Abba Eban, described it as "perfect in every respect" -- France is angry about it.

The reason for the French reaction is what France considers to be Mr. Scheel's virtual abandonment of a French-inspired document on the Middle East which France insists was accepted as defining the Common Market's attitude to the Middle East situation.

It advocated a complete withdrawal by Israel from the occupied territories to the 1967 borders with agreed minor rectifications; the "administrative internationalization" of Jerusalem; the setting up of demilitarized zones, and the stationing there of a United Nations force.

During his talks in Jerusalem, Mr. Scheel told the Israelis that the French-inspired document should be viewed only as a "working paper".

The French Foreign Minister, M. Maurice Schumann has asked Bonn's Ambassador in Paris to seek an official explanation of Mr. Scheel's behaviour in apparently abandoning a common stand taken by the Six on the Middle East.

The Israeli Ambassador in Paris, Mr. Asher Ben-Natan, had a meeting with the French Premier, M. Jacques Chaban-Delmas, at which he expressed Israel's concern at France's attitude.

Remote town site of trial

London.—Mr. Alexander Gorbach, a Soviet Jew whose trial on a charge of "private economic activity" was postponed in June because he was ill, was due to appear in court in the small township of Chichelnik, near Vinnitsa, in the Ukraine, the JCNS Correspondent on East European Affairs reports.

The Soviet authorities have deliberately arranged for the proceedings to take place in Chichelnik because it is out of bounds to foreign journalists and is not easily reached even by Soviet citizens.

The pretext for the choice of Chichelnik is that Mr. Gorbach whose "crime" is that he has been trying to obtain permission to emigrate to Israel, lived there for two weeks in February.

He did so because a doctor said that he must be given a lighter job after an eye operation, and Chichelnik was the place where this lighter job was made available.

Reliable reports from the Soviet Union say that the prosecution has so far failed to obtain any evidence against Mr. Gorbach. That it tried very hard to build up a case against him is shown by the fact that attempts were made to obtain 90 witnesses for the prosecution. According to the reports all refused to give evidence against Mr. Gorbach.

He supplied to the court a list of witnesses he wished to call in his defence but no step has yet been taken to tell them to attend the proceedings.

Mr. Gorbach has written to the Soviet President, Mr. Nikolai Podgorny, renouncing his Soviet citizenship because "my rights have been totally ignored." At the same time, Mr. Gorbach wrote to Israel asking to be accorded Israeli citizenship.

Danes aid Soviet Jews

Copenhagen.—Two former Prime Ministers, Mr. Erik Eriksen and Mr. Jens Otto Krag, and a former Foreign Minister, Mr. Per Haekkerup, are members of the newly formed Danish Committee for the Rescue of Soviet Jewry. Many MPs and leaders of the churches, the arts and the professions have also joined.

Chief Rabbi Bent Melchoir and a number of MPs are members of the committee's executive.

Formed as the result of the trials of Soviet Jews and the discrimination they face in the Soviet Union, the committee seeks to secure a full measure of religious and cultural activity and the option to emigrate if they wish, as provided by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

by Sol I. Littman

Rev. MacLeod and Jewish sensitivity

The Toronto Star's "church page" last weekend contained an article by Rev. N. Bruce MacLeod entitled "Why Jews are Sensitive About Criticism of Israel". The article is a decent and sympathetic effort to understand why Jews, all over the world, are so passionately devoted to Israel's survival, why we respond with such seeming unity when Israel is under attack. Unfortunately, in spite of his good intentions, Rev. MacLeod still misses the point, although there were times, in reading his article, when one felt hopeful that he was on the brink of discovery. MacLeod's article begins:

"No one who is aware of the pattern of Christian-Jewish relations down the centuries ought to be surprised that critical comment on Israel by Christians is often interpreted by Jews as antisemitic.

"Most Canadian Jews have in their ancestral memory the experience of the 'schtetls' of Eastern Europe where Jews fled and congregated from the time of the Crusades when pillaging Christians on their way to the Holy Land uprooted ancient Jewish communities in their path".

The article goes on to recall Jewish persecution in the Eastern European "pale", to analyse the way in which the Christian gospel tends to reinforce negative attitudes towards Jews, to detail the manner in which the responsibility for the crucifixion was imposed upon Jews while the Romans were exonerated and the way in which Zionism itself was spurred on by the whole history of antisemitism.

Having visited Va'ad Yashem, Rev. MacLeod understands the dimensions, if not the theology, of the Holocaust.

Having done this well, where did the Minister of the Bloor Street United Church fall short?

To begin with Rev. MacLeod is incorrect in assuming that the Jews in Canada can bear no criticism of Israel. In this, he is terribly wrong because it is not criticism that we cannot bear. Rather, we cannot bear the kind of unjust criticism which distorts our best intentions and mocks our humanitarian concerns. For example, most well-informed Canadian Jews have been anticipating some movement similar to that of the "Black Panthers" to arise in Israel. (Although, we never anticipated that it would be formed under such an inappropriate title.) We were aware of the income, housing and educational differential between the Ashkenazi and Sephardic Jews. We also knew that the government was aware and unhappy about it. We knew of many efforts made by educators and economists to reduce this differential. Many of us have sat in on briefings on the subject by Israeli officials who worried that the pressures of war, occupation, and the arms race would prevent the country from meeting the problem before rebellion and delinquency developed. Many of us are sympathetically critical of the Israeli government for failing to meet the situation earlier, but we passionately reject any suggestion that this failure grows out of "racist" impulses. Yet, this is the kind of criticism which some of Rev. MacLeod's colleagues in the United Church have made repeatedly without any disavowal on his part.

For good reason, diaspora Jews also reject Christian efforts to preach a "higher morality" to Israelis. When Nasser declared a war of attrition and the Israelis countered artillery fire with Phantoms, many Christian clergymen suggested that Dayan had reverted to a primitive, Old Testament, "eye for an eye" morality. Small wonder that Jews became angry at this effort at moral blackmail which condemned Jewish actions while ignoring those of the Arabs.

Also irritating was the double standard which Christians sought to impose upon Israel. All other countries, regrettably, followed their own self-interests, protected their borders and sought to build national pride. The Israelis, however, were not permitted to act like a normal nation. Since they were the descendants of Old Testament prophets, they were expected, at each stage, to give way to Arab demands in order to salvage Arab pride, to reassure Arabs, to reduce tensions, and to avoid East-West confrontations. This curious assumption that Israel could, on its own initiative -- if it only willed to -- restructure the nature of Arab psychology, re-order Egyptian society and persuade Russia and the United States to seriously alter their policies, is placing an unusual burden upon a small Jewish State.

To expect a great deal of a small people is frequently a mark of admiration. However, what angered Jews was not the admiration but the implied threat that if they did not live up to Christian expectations, then Christians would be severely disappointed and would be likely -- in spite of their best impulses -- to dislike Jews.

The article contained another serious misunderstanding, Rev. MacLeod suggests:

"It is possible that feelings are so raw that Chris-

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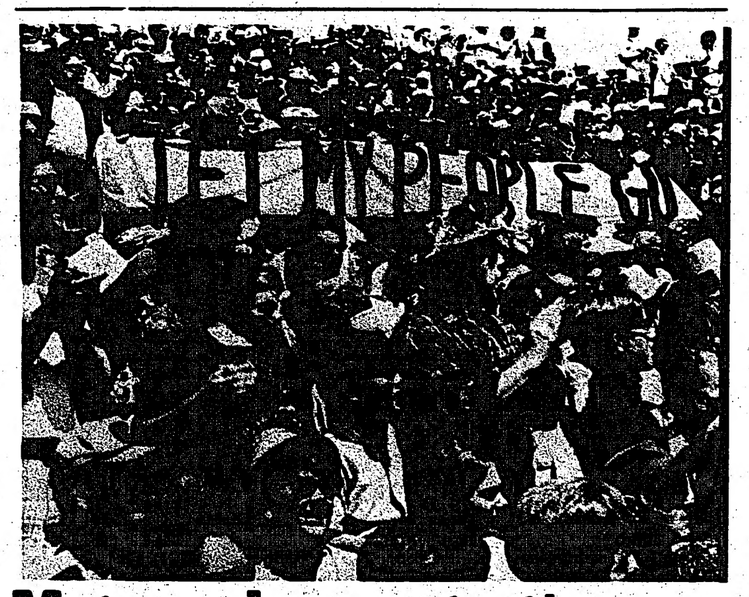
Shown here, left to right, are: Jack Weinberger, Ira Hirschmann, Chaim Neuberger, Moe Appel, and Joseph Fishbein.

Yorkdale Lodge sets Bond pace

—In line with its consistent record as a community leader on behalf of Israel Bonds, members of Yorkdale Lodge B'nai B'rith this year again are setting the pace for the community with their response to Israel's dollar crisis. This fact was demonstrated with dramatic impact on Monday evening, July 12th, at the first Tribute Committee Meeting for the forthcoming Award Dinner in honor of Chaim "Mike" Neuberger, which will be the highlight event of the Yorkdale Lodge Bond effort for 1971. The distinguished guest-speaker, U.S. diplomat and Middle East expert Mr. Ira Hirschmann, held his audience spellbound with his documented evidence of "behind-the-scenes" political events which place top-priority on Israel's ability to keep her economy in top strength, as a defense against the pressures being brought to bear upon her foreign reserves.



Mature demonstrations by Bay area residents

Berkeley. - On Saturday, July 3, when the Soviet Track Team came to Berkeley, the Bay Area Council on Soviet Jewry organized a peaceful dignified demonstration, reports CBS, AP and UPI.

Harold B. Light, Chairman of the Council, said, "Our aim was to present a series of different actions to ensure attention, but not to disrupt the track meet in any way." He said that his group accomplished that aim.

It has become common in recent months for Jewish groups to publicize the plight of Soviet Jews during such visits by Soviet sportsmen and artists. Police action and hostile reactions from bystanders have sometimes been the result. The problem has been to utilize opportunities presented by the visit of artistic or musical groups without alienating the audience that paid admission to enjoy the event.

The demonstration at the track meet, coordinated by David Boxerman, and Dr. Donald Lieberman, Vice-Chairmen, went off exactly as scheduled. At 12 noon, a large contingent of Bnai Brith girls, wearing BACSJ shirts marked "Save Soviet Jews" carrying large photos of Ruth Alexandrovich, imprisoned now in Russia, distributed thousands of post cards to mail to Soviet authorities. At 2 p.m. Dr. Lieberman's crew displayed a 30 foot sign, marked Let My People Go, plus several huge display balloons, clearly visible across the entire stadium holding 22,000 people. At 3 p.m. the Bay Area Council contingent joined by the Catholic Women for Soviet Jews, occupying two rows of seats flashed a series of signs to make the message clear.

"On Friday, we sent our condolences to Coach Vladimir Popov and Ambassador Dobrynin regarding the tragic deaths of their three Cosmonauts", said David Boxerman, interviewed on CBS-TV, "for we feel no personal malice toward Soviets. We just want the Kremlin to know we will not stop until they "Let Our People Go".

Congress leader urges flexibility

A national leader of the Canadian Jewish Congress called for flexibility in the attitudes of the Jewish community in relation to the Soviet Union.

"We have to be careful not to paint ourselves into corners by adopting policies today which we may need, want, or have to change tomorrow," Sydney M. Harris, Q.C., Chairman of the Central Region of Canadian Jewish Congress stated in a newsletter addressed to community leaders.

"It will certainly be good for the world Jewish community and for world peace in general if Israel and Russia can solve the problems that separate them. It is obvious that Israel -- properly so -- determines its own foreign policies, paying heed to but not necessarily taking direction from, the U.S. It is apparent that the U.S. now welcomes the thaw in the cold war and to this thaw Israel, no doubt, could contribute, by a new Soviet relationship.

"The question for us is whether our adopting and emphasizing here a policy of anti-Sovietism is going to be of help to the cause we all hold dear -- that is, peace -- peace for Israel and peace in the world."

Harris was critical of what he referred to as a "U.S. based Jewish organization" which has "an avowed policy of anti-Sovietism". He stated that that organization would not permit commercial or political dealings with the Soviets, trade relations or disarmament until or unless Russia's internal policy in respect of the Jewish citizens meets that organization's criteria of proper treatment.

Harris continued: "All current problems must be constantly and freshly re-examined in the light of daily changes. This cannot be done if members of our community take their 'line' from other organizations whose leaders often may have other motivations."

Harris emphasized that he was expressing a personal philosophy rather than speaking for Canadian Jewish Congress in this portion of his newsletter.

Report on Uruguay

by our Latin American correspondent

Inspired by the Chilean experience, where a coalition of left-wing groups won the Presidency with only 36% of the popular vote, Uruguayan leftists have formed their own coalition, called "Frente Amplio", in quest of a similar victory in the November, 1971 elections. A victory for the "Frente Amplio" (Wide Front) is expected to have profound repercussions in the Jewish community.

THE ECONOMIC SITUATION

Although Uruguay has no economic misery comparable to that found in other Latin American countries, the lower and middle classes are now suffering from the results of an economic recession. In previous years they were hurt by rampant inflation which rose to an annual level of 140% in 1967. The government has had some small successes in reducing the rate of inflation, increasing exports, halting wildcat strikes and starting a major housing program. These small gains are offset by activities of some self-seeking government officials and the lack of imaginative, far-reaching new programs designed to solve the basic problems of the country's weak economy.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION

The electorate is undecided between two political alternatives with which they will be confronted in the November elections -- try for a change or vote for "law and order". The Uruguayan people have historically been conservative voters but they are now unpredictable. They are tired of the revolutionary "Tupamaros" and fed up with student unrest and excessive political activity in the University.

The Tupamaros, a revolutionary group which for a time enjoyed wide support, is losing its mystique. The steady decline of the group's popularity is due in part to the fact that many of their best brains are in jail and they are forced to use young and inexperienced people. In addition, most of the left-wing groups have concentrated their efforts in the "Frente Amplio".

The 'Frente Amplio' is challenging the two traditional parties, the Blancos (Whites) and the Colorados (Reds). It consists of a strange coalition of political groups of whom the strongest and undoubtedly the best organized is the Uruguayan Communist Party, which is totally loyal to Moscow. Other groups are the Christian Democrats, a Colorado splinter group, a Blanco splinter group, a group of independent intellectuals linked to the weekly Marcha, some union leaders united in a coalition called GAO and two rival Socialist factions, as well as other small groups.

The Wide Front has been the most aggressive political organization to date. In response to the growing strength of the Wide Front, efforts were recently made to unite the Blanco and Colorado Parties, but this initiative failed and there are serious obstacles to a right-wing coalition of any kind.

Democrats are increasingly worried by the Wide Front campaign, for they know that in the end the Communists will be the real ruling power within the Wide Front. It is becoming ever more clear that the Front has widespread support among intellectuals and youth and is also gaining strength in the interior in the country. Whatever the outcome in November, it is abundantly clear that 'Frente Amplio' will change the political panorama of the country.

THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

Most of Uruguay's 54,000 Jews are in the middle class -- small businessmen, owners of small industrial plants, professionals and employees. About 10 percent of the Jews are poor. As in Chile, Jews have ample reason to fear a victory of the Wide Front. In anticipation of this possibility, many are thinking about emigration, but the vast majority think only of making money, traveling abroad and enjoying the good life. The Jewish community seems unprepared to face the challenge that history is presenting.

Community institutions run at a deficit. The only pro-Israel Yiddish paper, Haint, ceased publication when its owners decided they could not continue losing money.

There are some encouraging facts too. There are symptoms of Jewish awakening among the marginal Jews and many young people are going to Israel as students or enrolling in the one year service program in Israel. The "schlichim" (Jewish Agency representatives) are of a better quality than in previous years. But on the whole, Jewish life continues in its provincial way.

Although periodic antisemitic incidents occur, they have not been on a large scale. A new organization of young Nazis has recently appeared and there is some concern that it may have the backing of influential circles which may try to use the group against the Tupamaros and other groups on the left. If this organization grows in strength and influence it could become a serious threat to the Jewish community.

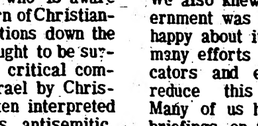
Differ on value of opening Suez

Washington. - Dr. Alvin J. Cottrell, director of research at the Georgetown Center for Strategic Studies told the House Foreign Affairs Committee's Near East sub-committee today that reopening the Suez Canal would give the Soviet Union "a free ride" to the Persian Gulf area. Another witness testified, however, that reopening the Canal would have important advantages for the West. Dr. Cottrell said that "Soviet intentions are determined by what we do" and that with the present American ship-building programs, an increased Soviet naval presence will "occur in the absence of any countervailing U.S. naval forces." The witness contended that the Nixon Doctrine, under which the United States grants aid instead of becoming directly involved in local conflicts, "thus far appears to have excluded the Indian Ocean in any operational sense," and that "U. S. naval requirements in terms of ships to implement such a Doctrine are not being met by the necessary ship-building programs." The Persian Gulf is connected to the Indian Ocean by the Gulf of Oman and the Arabian Sea.

Dr. Cottrell decried the "lack of interest" in U.S. political circles in preparing for the ramifications in the Persian Gulf area resulting from a Suez Canal reopening, especially in light of the forthcoming British withdrawal from the Persian Gulf. The Georgetown researcher said he expected an increased Soviet naval presence east of Suez if the canal were reopened with "potentially as serious problems in the region east and south of Suez" as the U.S. now faces in the Arab-Israeli area. While not specifically opposing a canal reopening, Dr. Cottrell minimized the importance of what he considered the two most viable reasons for a reopening: to give Egyptian President Anwar Sadat a victory with which to consolidate his domestic position and to neutralize the Arab-Israeli conflict. He noted that even with such a victory, "Sadat may not be around long," adding that the Canal was "the last card the Egyptians have left with the Soviets -- they have nothing else to give them."

The other witness before the sub-committee today was John Franklin Campbell, editor of Foreign Relations, who argued on economic grounds that "to reopen the canal to international commerce is a worthwhile step that benefits all nations."

Quoting from a study published by the American-Arab Association for Commerce and Industry that claimed the Western world loses $3.4 billion a year because of the Canal closing, Campbell added the recently negotiated price increase of Middle East oil, which he estimated at $5 billion a year. Campbell characterized as "myths" that only the Soviets stand to gain from a Canal reopening and that the waterway has lost its importance to world trade. The editor noted that the USSR use of the canal represented only 4 percent of the total cargoes in 1966, its last full year of operation. Questioned by Rep. John H. Buchanan Jr., (R., Ala.) Campbell said the U.S. would gain as much strategic naval mobility as the Soviets if the Canal were put back in use. Campbell contended that the development of supertankers that do not fit through the Canal has not made the waterway "technologically obsolescent," explaining that "with the exception of the very largest classes of ships most of today's tankers could more effectively be routed through the Suez if the Canal were reopened." The editor added that using the Canal for traffic between the Persian Gulf and Europe would free jumbo tankers too large to transit the Suez for the Persian Gulf-to-Japan and North Africa - to - Europe routes. He concluded that "the U.S. and the West have an important economic stake in getting the Suez Canal open again," and urged "energetic Western diplomacy" toward that end.



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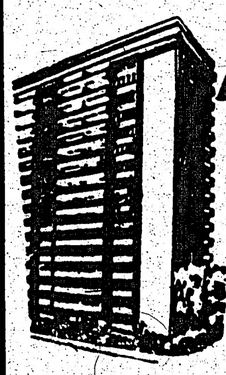

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Mideast group neutrality in doubt

There is a case for the Arabs. There are strong and compelling reasons why all of humanity should be concerned with the fate of Arab refugees. Dayan, Allon and many other Israeli leaders have insisted on the need to understand Arab feelings.

If there is an Arab case, there is also a need for organizations to present that case. No one denies the right of groups such as the Canadian Arab Federation or the Canadian Association of Arab Organizations to represent Arab interests. What does become objectionable is when an organization pretends neutrality in the Arab-Israeli conflict, seeks to recruit people on the understanding that the organization's program will deal evenhandedly with the claims of both sides, and then proceeds to appoint an Executive Committee composed almost entirely of persons with an anti-Israeli, pro-Arab record.

Such an organization is unfair to the church leaders, newspaper editors, political leaders and businessmen whom the organization invites into its membership.

When the Canada/Israel Committee was organized, it made no pretence to represent both the Arab states and Israel. It was, clearly, a pro-Israel organization consisting of leaders of the Canadian Jewish community dedicated to Israel's security and the survival of the Jewish people. The organization recruited no Christians, no matter how sympathetic, to speak for it. They asked no organization to front for it. Canadians for a Middle East Understanding should either radically alter the composition of its Executive Committee or change its name so that it can be clearly identified for what it appears to be, a pro-Arab organization in which "neutrality" is defined as advocacy of the Arab side.

Praesidium rule

C-IC courting disaster

A recent issue of the I.O.I., the fortnightly summary of interoffice information compiled by Canadian Jewish Congress, discusses plans for the re-organization of the Canada/Israel Committee, that co-ordinating body intended to give direction to public relations programs on behalf of Israel.

First organized in the hectic, desperate days immediately preceeding the Six Day War, falling into disuse in the brief period when the whole world appeared to be pro-Israel, and revived again some fourteen months ago, the C/IC once again foundered as the major organizations comprising its constituency found it impossible to surrender sufficient sovereignty to permit it to function.

Now, a new set of recommendations are being advanced, namely, that a praesidium of presidents of the three concerned organizations, Canadian Jewish Congress, Federated Zionist Organization of Canada, and United Israel Appeal, Inc., direct the operations of the Canada/Israel Committee for a trial period of six months, and that a greater role be offered for the staff of the organizations working with a newly appointed director.

In contrast, the Committee on Soviet Jewry in the United States, after functioning for several years as an adjunct of the Council of Presidents of Major Organizations, has become a separate agency, with its own staff, budget and board. No longer is it to be an extension of the organizations which comprise the Presidents' Council.

A praesidium of presidents proved a difficult form of administration. It essentially guaranteed that each of the constituent organizations will give up very little of its authority or program to a co-ordinating body. It required that there be complete consensus before decisions could be made, otherwise the stress on the council became too severe. Further, this form of organization required that all the presidents join hands and go together when they visited government officials, met the press, or issued news releases. There could be no selection by appropriateness or ability. There was also the intense competition which existed between the staffs of the constituent organizations and the staff of the co-ordinating body. Each president generally comes to meetings fully briefed by his own staff on the need to preserve the interests of the organization he headed.

Given the experience of the Council of Soviet Jewry in the United States, and the recognition that if it is to function properly it must be an independent agency, we in Canada seem to be moving in the wrong direction in the re-organization of the Canada/Israel Committee. If the program was weak before, the plan to administer it by a miniature Council of Presidents threatens to emasculate it.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Poor texts cause concern

Dear editor,

In your issue dated July 9, 1971, I was delighted to read an article entitled "Ontario Texts Inadequate on Holocaust Story". This survey undertaken by the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education is too significant to be passed over by the Jewish Community. The Canadian Panel of Women join me in congratulating everyone concerned with this survey.

I look forward to a revision of text books to include the complete history of the Holocaust. The atrocities man was capable of perpetrating under Nazism paved the way to Biafra and Pakistan.

If a stop-gap to man's inhumanity to man can be found it must start by an examination of the roots of non-Jewish preoccupation to exterminate the Jew and should be a priority of educators. If we are to avoid producing a disenchanted new generation our students must have help to enable them to cope with their vast knowledge of the ills of society, a knowledge made available to them by the advent of television.

Mollie Posen, Co-ordinator
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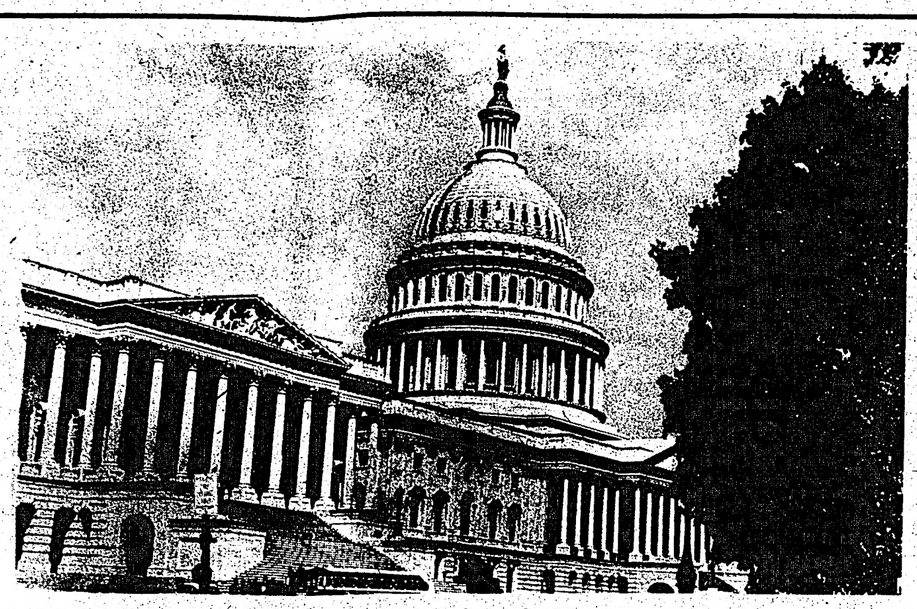


Washington withholds Phantoms "selective antisemitism"

by Adam Ackerman

WASHINGTON, D.C.—It appears that serious differences have developed within the Pentagon concerning Israel's request for renewal of the expiring weapons contracts, particularly the agreement for the sale of Phantom aircraft. Informed sources in Washington, among them lower echelon diplomats and Israeli journalists, believe that unless an unforeseen development occurs in the Middle East, chances for renewal of the Phantom sales are highly tenuous, at least in the current year. They report that the prevailing opinion in both the State Department and the Pentagon is that the only available means to press Jerusalem to soften its "rigid" position is to postpone the decision for delivery of sophisticated aircraft.

The Americans are saying: "It's quiet now along the Suez Canal; Israel is strong enough to repel any Arab attack. By making an immediate positive reply we would endanger the prospects for an interim solution. There is no need for apprehension—we will not let Israel down." The United States understands that she cannot press Israel to waive her hard-won bargaining position, but believes that the territory lost by the Arab states should be returned once the Arabs agree to negotiate with Jerusalem. Washington fears that if Israel feels too strong and confident she would prefer to safeguard most of the coveted territories and would refrain from taking the intiative to re-open the Suez Canal.

Contrary to the general feeling that the Pentagon is more pro-Israel than the State Department, it would seem that in the present issue, both are united. By delivering additional phantoms to Israel the United States would be committing herself to the needs of Israel's security as the latter interprets them. This is the prevailing approach in both groups; but within the Pentagon there are conflicting opinions. The political-civilian elements in the Defence Department are adopting a cooler and more reserved stand on Israel's request while the military sector demonstrates a sympathetic understanding of Israel's needs in view of stepped up Soviet weapon deliveries to Syria and Egypt. As it happens, the civilian group is more influential today, one reason being the lack of military success in Vietnam. They warn that all avenues should be explored to prevent a renewal of hostilities along the Suez Canal lest the United States become directly involved in the conflict. They try to minimize the significance of the recent Soviet-Egyptian pact, while high-ranking officers in the Pentagon regard it as part of Soviet military activity in the area. But the military are not consistent in their attitude towards Israel and the Jews. Some observers insist that there are symptoms of anti-Semitism among military elements. This is described as a "selective" anti-Semitism directed mainly against the liberal section of American Jewry which resists the war in Vietnam and is critical of the military establishment. They point out that outspoken liberal Jews are advocating cutbacks in military spending thus weakening America's military power. The United States' strength in the Middle East, they assert, is a function of her total military power.

Though there is growing understanding in Nixon's administration that a strong Israel is a matter of the highest priority for the U.S., Washington is not inclined to give Israel massive military aid to counterbalance Russian infiltration. Some Pentagon voices put it this way—"No amount of weapons would enable Israel to combat the Soviets. A direct Russian involvement in hostilities would become our business." Although additional Phantoms for Israel might prevent the future need for American soldiers to fight in the Middle East, there is a reluctance to assert this view. The U.S. Defence Secretary stated recently that "Soviet military activities in the Mediterranean are inspired not by Arab-Israeli conflict but by a desire to upset the general, international balance of power." This warning has gone unheeded in the Pentagon.

Due to the failure of William Rogers' visit to Cairo, Nixon's administration is hesitating with its future moves in the area. American lack of confidence reveals itself in the absence of a firm, decisive policy, and the slowness in making decisions concerning the Middle East. It reveals itself also in delayed responses when immediate action is required and in haste when events do not warrant it. The attitude now appears to be that arms-deals with Israel should be conducted in secret without any publicity that would invite protests and pressure. The Americans can take as an example the secrecy and effectiveness with which Soviet arms-deals are conducted.

Voice of America

No broadcasts to Soviet Jews

New York.—The Voice of America radio station will not broadcast in Hebrew or Yiddish to Jews in the Soviet Union, the American State Department and the United States Information Agency have stated.

Rabbi Arthur Lelyveld, the president of the American Jewish Congress, has received a letter from Mr. Samuel de Palma, the Assistant Secretary of State for International Organisations, saying that the State Department classified Soviet Jews as a nationality within the Soviet Union.

He then repudiated a statement by a departmental official that the VOA did not broadcast in Yiddish because Jews did not constitute a nationality.

But Mr. de Palma said that after careful consideration, the Department and the Information Agency had decided not to begin such broadcasts at present.

Argentine-French olim

100,000 POTENTIAL EMIGRANTS FROM FRANCE

Paris.—About 100,000 Jews living in France could emigrate to Israel, Jerusalem immigration officials believe, and plans are being formulated accordingly.

Most of the potential settlers are Jews who went to France after the North African countries achieved independence from French sovereignty after the Second World War.

One of the most important steps to help orderly emigration will be the appointment of a permanent representative in France of the Israeli Manufacturers' Association.

He will notify prospective settlers of job opportunities and advise on training before they leave France.

1,200 SETTLERS FROM ARGENTINA

Buenos Aires.—Some 200 emigrants who are travelling to Israel in three ships this month were entertained at a reception here last week by the Argentine Zionist Organisation.

One thousand settlers left for Israel between January and June, and the total of 1,200 by the end of July represents a 25 per cent increase over the same period last year.

The settlers leaving this month include Mr. Alberto Senderey, the president of the Jewish Youth Confederation and grandson of Mr. Moises Senderey, the historian and journalist who died last year; and Mr. Julio Nadel, the general secretary of the Argentine aliya movement.

Rumania strengthens link expands Israel trade

Jerusalem.—The Soviet and Chinese attitudes towards Israel and Rumanian-Israel relations were discussed with Mrs. Golda Meir, the Israeli Prime Minister, and Mr. Abba Eban, the Foreign Minister, by Mr. George Macovescu, Rumania's First Deputy Foreign Minister, during his visit here this week.

Mr. Macovescu, is spending five days in Israel. He accompanied Mr. Nicolae Ceausescu, the President of the Rumanian State Council, on his recent visit to Moscow and Peking.

On arrival Mr. Macovescu declined to comment on the question whether the Soviet Union was interested in renewing links with Israel which were broken during the 1967 Six-Day War.

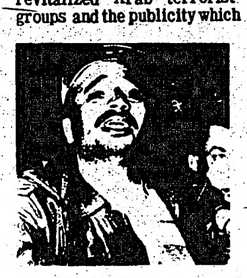
But he also told correspondents that Israeli-Rumanian relations would develop still more. The two countries ratified a new trade agreement in Bucharest last week. Mr. Haim Gvati, the Minister of Development, signed for Israel.

Elusive

Palestinian myth fading fast under pressure

A striking phenomenon of the post-June War period is the evolution of the Palestinian mystique. In the course of four years, the 20-year-old Arab refugee problem has been transformed into the "Palestinian cause".

The mystique was inspired by a burst of activity from revitalized Arab terrorist groups and the publicity which



attended the series of atrocities they perpetrated against civilians inside and outside Israel, on the ground and in the air. Palestinian terrorists make better press than Palestinian refugees. The refugees could gain the sympathy and generosity of the Western public but, as Yasser Arafat soon discovered, the terrorists could capture its imagination. Thus Arafat, who had insisted on wearing a mask for his rare public appearances and interviews during the first months of his tenure as head of El Fatah, was turning up in full-face and full color on the covers of major Western news magazines by 1969.

Furthermore, the rise of the Palestinian terrorists provided a much-needed shot in the arm for Arab propaganda, which reached a new low in the six-day war. The leftist dictators and rightist rulers of the Arab world had never distinguished themselves in the eyes of democratic Western peoples. Their self - incriminating bravado prior to the war had taken them beyond propaganda rehabilitation.

But the Palestinians, on the other hand, had no record that the public could recollect. The Arab states had been defeated by Israel and condemned by Western public opinion; if the terrorists could carry on the fight and gain some glory for themselves, they had Arab establishment blessing.

Ironically, the very fact that the Palestinians had no "record" since 1948 betrays the lack of substance in the mystique.

A MISSED OPPORTUNITY

In 1947, the Palestinian Arabs were recognized as a people -- both by the UN and by the Jews. The UN found two peoples claiming one land. The partition resolution was not a victory for the Jews, as it is portrayed in Arab propaganda, but a compromise: It provided for self-determination for both peoples, each in the area in which it constituted a majority. The Jews of Palestine accepted the compromise; the Arab Higher Committee, which spoke for the Palestinian Arabs, rejected it.

But the war which the Arab states waged, with Palestinian acquiescence, to smash the Jewish state destroyed only the proposed Palestinian Arab state, which was to have consisted primarily of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. Jordan snapped up the former and Egypt seized the latter. The Palestinian Arabs who left Israel to avoid the war became integrated into Jordan -- which permitted them full citizenship -- or remained in refugee camps in Jordan, Gaza, Syria and Lebanon. Better educated refugees found jobs in Arab countries abroad and the original inhabitants of the proposed Palestinian Arab state -- had gone along with the Arab leadership's all-or-nothing drive and wound up with nothing in terms of separate statehood. And for 20 years, they did nothing to alter that situation. There was no serious attempt to assert a Palestinian personality except within the fabric of Jordanian society and politics.

The Palestinians had permitted themselves to be divested of national existence, not by the Israel "enemy" but by their fellow Arabs. There are no set criteria or qualifications by which it can be determined who is and who is not "a people". But the question has a practical significance in international relations in general, and in the Arab-Israel conflict in particular.

If the Palestinians are a people in the sense of a national entity, they must have representatives empowered to express their will on issues affecting their own future.

NEGATIVE NATIONALISM

Who speaks for the Palestinians? The terrorists represent only a fraction of the Palestinians whose proxy they claim, but they also constitute the closest thing to a political organization and power that the Palestinians have ever had. And since they also constitute the sum total of the "Palestine national movement", their expressed goals must be taken as those of that movement.

The terrorist position, indeed their admitted raison d'etre, is still the all-or-nothing insistence which cost them their state in 1948. But instead of calling for total destruction of the Jewish state and its inhabitants, terrorists now demand the creation of a bi-national, secular state where Moslems, Christians and Jews may live together in peace.

The euphemism is but a flimsy disguise which de-

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Commentary

by M.J. NURENBERGER

Sovereign right to kill

New international morality

Recent predictions about a resumption of diplomatic relations between the USSR and Israel should not, for one moment, detract our attention from the plight of those persecuted by the Moscow regime.

In our modern society, because of our striving for greater equality and freedom for all anywhere in the world, the tragedy of Russian intellectuals, dissenters and minorities cannot be ignored. We should never make peace with the cynical attitude, almost consecrated by the circus at East River, that harrassment of people by a government, persecution of religious or racial minorities by those in power, must remain an *internal* matter of any particular country. When men such as Amalrik are being exiled to concentration camps in Siberia; when a writer of the stature of Solzhynetsin is robbed of his freedom; when Jews in the Soviet Union are being arrested for the sole crime of disseminating Hebrew literature and Jewish knowledge,—can all these excesses committed by a tyrannical regime be considered exclusively a Soviet internal problem? This laissez-faire attitude by the world community, by the United Nations, and by governments in the West, not only endangers our civilization and undermines our march towards a better world, but it weakens the resistance of the victim. If during World War II men and women lived with hope while they were fighting Nazism and Fascism, it was because they knew they had allies throughout the free world; that free men engaged in the struggle against medieval policies would never acquiesce to a situation where governments are sovereign in the sense of their right to kill innocent people.

Some contend that if we intervene in the internal affairs of a country such as the Soviet Union, the Soviet Union will, in turn, become involved in our own problems. Such a rejection of responsibility for our fellow man and his destiny not only smacks of absolute disregard for him who is created in the image of God, but it undermines our own future. Also, it is not true that the Soviet Union and other totalitarian nations are not involved with internal problems of other countries. The "liberals" refuse to see that there is an international conspiracy to undermine institutions and traditions that make the free world what it is. Did not Krushchev say, "We will bury you!", when he blackmailed everybody by knocking his shoe at a United Nations desk? Nor is it true nowadays what Thomas Jefferson once said: "Bigotry is the disease of ignorance." Jefferson and the classical Fin-de-Siècle liberals saw in "science" (knowledge), the path to freedom. However, today we know that science can become an Orwellian monster, endangering the very basis of our culture. A country, or rather a government, that has progressed on the road to more scientific knowledge and discoveries is not necessarily a progressive regime. If Jefferson believed that "In every country where man is free to think and to speak, differences of opinion will arise from differences of perception", he thought it would be the direct result of technical and scientific advance. Frankly speaking, in this respect the Soviet Union has disappointed all of us. Not only do we know that technique is being exploited and misused to call the enslavement of Czechoslovakia "liberation"; not only is a system of government that rejects the Jeffersonian principal to think freely and to speak freely "a People's Democracy", but thinking men are being condemned to live in asylums for the mentally ill.

BOOK REVIEW

by Dr. Arnold Ages

Memories of revolution

THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION OF 1917. Edited by D. von Mohrenschildt. Oxford University Press. 320 pp.

This important anthology contains selections of contemporary accounts by eye witnesses who participated in the Bolshevik Revolution of 1917. Twenty-two representatives from the political, military and literary sectors of Russian society narrate their reactions to the upheavals occasioned by the Revolution.

A broad spectrum of attitudes and ideological positions find its expression in these pages. There are seminal essays by Lenin and Kerensky and valuable contributions by politicians and soldiers who fought against the Bolsheviks.

The book is divided into two distinct sections, the first dealing with the problems that beset Russian society on the eve of the Revolution, and the second portraying the repercussions which were triggered by the actual military confrontations.

Many of the pieces describing the pre-Revolutionary society were written by expatriates who live either in Europe or America. Some are reminscences penned by the children of government figures who were close to the heart of the turmoil.

One of the most intriguing essays is that of Zinaida Shakhovskoi, editor-in-chief of the Russian daily in Paris, Russkaya Mysl (Russian Thought). She is the author of several important historical monographs on Russia and belongs to a distinguished family of Russian nobility, the princes Shakhovskoi.

In 1916 the young lady was a student at the Empress Catherine Institute in Petrograd. A ten year old at that time she recalls that when the Revolution occured it was just an exceptionally exciting day, a relief from the tedium of her rigorous schooling. Soon, however, the Institute was closed and young Zinaida returned to a Petrograd she could hardly recognize. Long Queues were waiting at formerly well stocked stores. Disorderly soldiers were milling about. Trams had ceased to function. Gunfire and sporadic shooting became the order of the day. Looting and robbing were carried on openly in the absence of police.

"As soon as the Revolution was announced," she writes, "the peasants came in force, broke the government seals on the reservoirs of spirits impounded in our distillery, and went for the liquor. Some of them drowned themselves in the huge containers, but others went on with their drinking spree, and upon leaving the place said they would come back and turn everything down."

A break-down in the civil order described in the latter incident also had its parallels in the military.

Victor Manikin, who died in 1964 was a colonel of the Russian army attached to the general staff headquarters of the southwest army when the Revolution erupted. In the summer of 1917 he was made commander of the first storm troop regiment and fought subsequently in the White Army of Denikin.

In his reminscences he describes the unprecedented disintegration of the Russian army in the face of warfare with the Germans and loss of morale in the wake of developments on the home front. Manikin was instrumental in organizing a vote among army officers to continue the war. The shock troops which he eventually commanded earned a high reputation for their courage.

by Geoffrey D. Paul

"Shabbos, Shabbos"

Shabbat Shalom, a Sabbath of peace, pervades the narrow, often fetid lanes and squares of Mea Shearim, the ultra-Orthodox quarter of Jerusalem. At the final blast of the Sabbath eve shofar, police barriers go up around the quarter, no traffic enters and the only sound until the following evening are those of prayer, learning and children at play.

But outside the walls of Mea Shearim, Sabbath peace is fast disappearing. East Jerusalem, where Moslems celebrate their Sabbath on Friday and Christians on Sunday, is full of noise and bustle, with buses running normally and cars and taxis jamming the streets.

West Jerusalem, the Jewish part of the city, although free of buses throughout the Sabbath hours, carries a heavy load of private traffic as non-observant Israelis make for the swimming pools, the shores of the Dead Sea or the shops of the Old City.

There are occasional buses—but these are carrying tourists on sightseeing trips. The first regular bus emerges around the last bend from Tel Aviv at about 5 pm. Three Sabbaths ago, as the Egged driver changed gear for the last few hundred yards of uphill climb to the terminal, a crowd of angry Orthodox demonstrators barred his way, chanting "Shabbos, Shabbos" and say some observers, throwing stones.

That night, after sundown, when Egged resumed its normal city services and the first buses of the new week drove through Mea Shearim, they came under attack from a hail of missiles. A number of windows were smashed and the drivers declared a boycott of the area.

On the three succeeding nights, young men from yeshivot with their tiny brothers trotting at the rear, made frequent forays against the Egged drivers, and were met with counter-demonstration by non-Orthodox youth from neighbouring quarters.

The police had to intervene a number of times, sometimes with baton charges, at others with water cannon which shot great jets of water onto the balconies and roofs of the closely-built houses of Mea Shearim, from where the missiles had come.

Inside the quarter, argument raged over the tactics to be followed in the defence of the Sabbath. Moderate opinion, reflected by followers of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, was that physical attacks were not the way to preserve the Sabbath peace. Reason and argument with the authorities were the only way.

But to one man, Rabbi Amram Blau, extremist leader of the ultra-Orthodox Neturei Karta sect, which neither recognises the establishment of the State of Israel nor permits the use of Hebrew as the language of daily conversation, any measure—no matter how extreme—was permitted in defence of the Sabbath. And a lot of the quarter's young hot-heads, even though not his followers, agreed with him.

Scalped Indians

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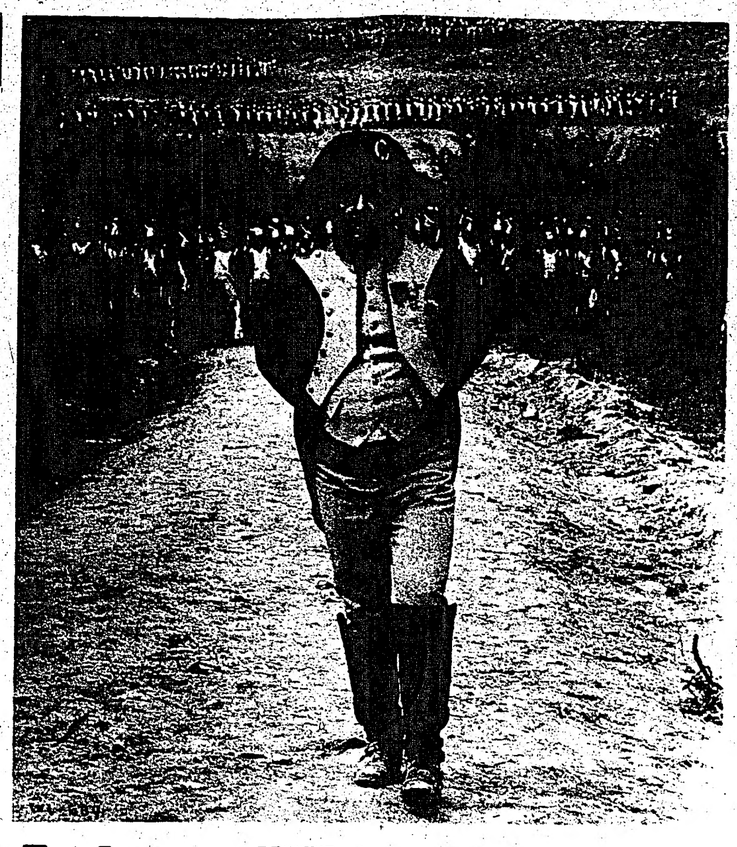
"You do not try to whitewash history; you do attempt genuinely to understand it. That is my philosophy as a journalist."

Ben Kayfetz of Canadian Jewish Congress stated that his organization had not had an opportunity to study the matter.

The reaction of Jewish leaders was mixed. Some felt that the Indian associations were correct in protesting a film which, in their opinion, portrayed Indians in crude, sterotyped terms. They suggested that had a television network shown a film portraying Jews in similar fashion that protests would have been sharp and vigorous.

Other Jewish leaders expressed the opinion that freedom of expression must be protected.



A damp "Waterloo" bloodiest in years

by Shmuel Polander

During the summer with the kids in camp, the bowling league abandoned, the organizational meetings schedule reduced, and summer evenings long, people tend to see more films.

If you have already seen Klute (Jane Fonda plays her finest role ever as a nymphomaniac call girl), and if you have seen The Anderson Tapes (the humorous sex-cum-Sadism-cum-political-commentary-cum-big heist with Dyann Carroll and Sean Connery) and you're not quite ready to risk a summer evening on Luis Bunuel's cultish masterpiece at Cinecity, then you might try a gigantic, wide-screen spectacle that offers you history (very educational), the clash of two famous generals (confrontation), and all the blood and gore, multiple cavalry charges and suspense of Waterloo (Will General Blucher arrive in time?).

Waterloo is produced and directed by Dino Laurentis and presents Rod Steiger as Napoleon, Christopher Plummer as Wellington, and Orson Welles as Louis XVIII. Laurentis' technique is entirely visual. He seeks to achieve characterization, not through dialogue, but through showing the character of Napoleon through close-up shots of his hands clasped behind his back, thumb rubbing forefinger, full of sweat and tension. As a result, while there is much to see there is very little to listen to. Laurentis also appears to have been strongly influenced by the Russian director Eisenstadt. Like this early genius of film, Laurentis has his actors staring at each other endlessly before delivering their lines. He moves great masses of men skillfully, cuts back and forth between battalions on the move to the fear in one man's eyes. The pyrotechnics are impressive. Cannons fire, bombs explode, horses stumble and fall and men split open like cantelope. Yet there is no horror in it because those who are supposed to be participating in the battle seem to show little response to the death around them. It helps because you are always aware that you are watching a movie from which you need not turn your eyes.

Generally, the acting is negligible, Orson Welles appears too briefly to evaluate. His vignette as the Bourbon king is competent but hardly memorable. Christopher Plummer does not convey the quality of the "Iron Duke". He plays it light and brittle as though the impending battle were a rendevous with a desirable but difficult woman.

The film is one of the dampest I have seen in a long time. Rod Steiger, as Napoleon, perspires heavily in intimate close-up.

Sweat is not necessarily proof of good acting.

Waterloo is playing at the University-Yonge Theater. One of the added attractions is coming out on Bloor Street and engaging in some minor window shopping and enjoying the sight of people.

Macbeth

Stratford festival benefit performance

The Stratford Festival is the only Artistic Organization in Canada that, prior to the opening of its season, automatically schedules a benefit performance for the Actors' Fund of Canada.

This summer, the show is MacBeth and the benefit performance will be held on Friday, July 23 at 2:00 p.m.

MacBeth stars Ian Hogg in the title role and Pat Galloway as "Lady Macbeth". Also featured in the large cast are Neil Dainard, Kenneth Welsh, Stephen Markle and Barry MacGregor.

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The funds received from such benefit performances allow the Actors' Fund of Canada to continue to aid any member of the entertainment profession whose livelihood is threatened in times of illness and emergencies or for those members (and their families) who find themselves in dire need, such as the aged and destitute.

Tickets for this benefit performance of Macbeth on Friday, July 23 at 2:00 p.m. can be obtained at all the regular Stratford Festival box office and ticket outlets.

Score parochialism

Orthodox youth seek Torah revolution

America's largest Orthodox Jewish Youth movement has called upon all segments of the Jewish community to join together in forging a meaningful social revolution guided by the principles of the Torah ethic, as the only viable alternative to the counter-culture.

The 800 delegates to the 18th Annual Convention of the National Conference of Synagogue Youth, meeting earlier this month at the Pioneer Country Club in Greenfield Park, New York, overwhelmingly passed a resolution to this effect. The resolution, along with several others of equally significant import was reported this week to the youth movement's parent body, The Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, by National Director Rabbi Pinchas Stolper.

The resolution adopted by delegates representing 16,500 teenagers in 35 states and six Canadian provinces, declared in part, that:

"As Torah Jews we cannot ignore the problems that beset our era. Secure in our belief that we are better Jews for doing so, we shall continue to work towards a world in which all men can live in dignity and peace.

"We reject as contrary to our Torah tradition parochial strategies that declare that only certain issues are of 'Jewish' concern. When we cry out for the migrant worker or the ghetto dweller we do so because he is a Divine creation shaped in the spirit of the Almighty.

"Whenever we speak out as Torah Jews, motivated and led by our Gedolei-Torah, our Torah authorities, we are helping ourselves by helping the world we live in."

"The Jewish Community," president-elect Stan Frohlinger of Fairfield, Connecticut declared, "must not be allowed to forget the problems of the outside world. Above and beyond the Torah imperative to get involved," he pointed out, "we can best reach a generation of alienated Jewish youth with an authentic Torah message of social concern. The thousands of young adults who have rediscovered their Jewishness in our organization bear ample witness to this truth."

Turning to the problem of Soviet Jewry, the delegates called upon the United States government to begin immediately, broadcasts in Yiddish over the Voice of America, and to take firm steps to inform the Soviet government of our concern for the religious liberties of Soviet Jews.

In another key convention resolution, the delegates reaffirmed their support for the well being and security of Israel. The needs of the Sephardic communities of Israel were singled out for special attention. The delegates firmly repudiated any and all attempts to impose non-Sephardic values on these venerable and tradition-rich communities, while calling for increased financial support for, and attention to their unique socio-economic problems.

The National Conference of Synagogue Youth -- NCSY is the youth movement of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America. It is educationally serviced by Yeshiva University Youth Bureau and is supervised by the UOJCA Youth Commission, which includes representatives of the Rabbinical Council of America, Women's Branch, UOJCA and Yeshiva University. Mr. Harold H. Boxer serves as Chairman of the UOJCA Youth Commission and Rabbi Pinchas Stolper is the National Director of NCSY.

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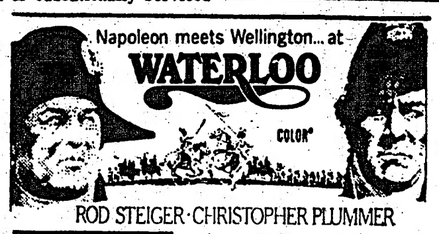

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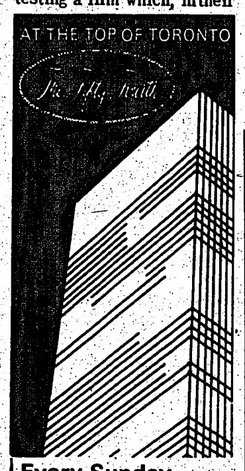

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7:30 p.m.	Willowvale Park	The Johnny Lombardi Variety Show
7:30 p.m.	Earlscourt Park	The George Frank Orchestra
7:30 p.m.	Greenwood Park	The Ron Bagnato Orchestra

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7:15 p.m.	MacGregor Park	Children's Theatre: Sam and The Tigers
8:30 p.m.	Ramsden Park	Square Dancing: Bob Scott and His Orchestra

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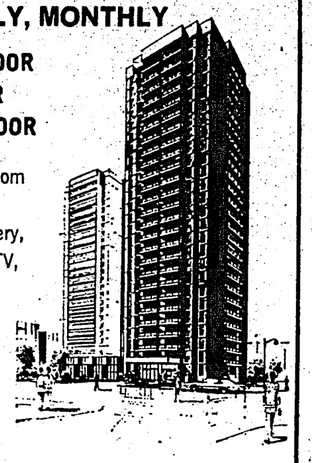

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Rabbi Kahane faces 5 year jail term

New York. - Rabbi Meir Kahane, the leader of the Jewish Defense League, and two of his fellow members, took a surprise decision at the weekend and agreed to plead guilty to certain charges against them and not to indict ten other JDL members.

The JDL's defense counsel and Rabbi Kahane were caught off-balance when they learnt that an American Government agent who had infiltrated the organization had produced evidence that Rabbi Kahane and other JDL members had manufactured explosives at the organization's camp site at Woodbourne, New York, and had exploded a bomb on the premises.

The JDL also had to agree that all explosives and weapons in their possession would be inspected and searched. A charge of transporting guns across State lines was dropped by counsel for the Government.

BAIL RENEWED

Rabbi Kahane, Mr. Haim Bieber, and Mr. Stewart Cohen were allowed to remain on bail of $25,000 pending sentence by Judge Jack B. Weinstein on July 23. They face maximum sentences of five years' imprisonment and fines of $10,000 each.

In a statement to journalists, Rabbi Kahane said: "We had no idea that it was illegal to explode a bomb on our own property and in a classroom atmosphere".

He repeated claims that the American Government was "out to get" him as a result of pressure from the Soviet Government to find those responsible for the bombing of Soviet offices in America, protests and the harassment of Soviet diplomats.

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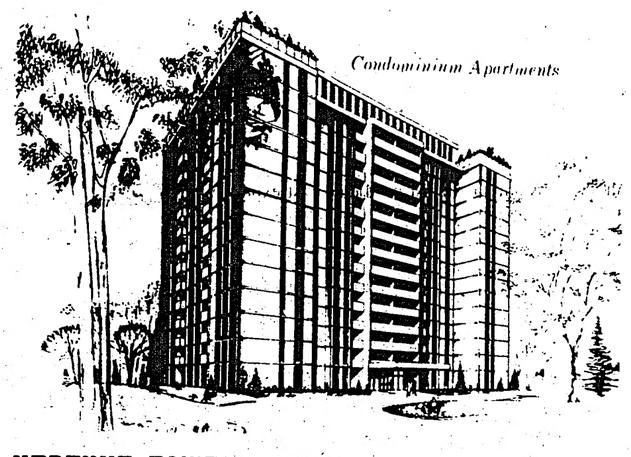

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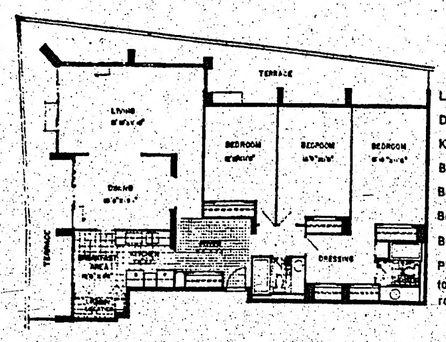

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Joseph Sisco

Personality profile

(Mr. Joseph Sisco, the American Assistant Secretary of State for Near East Affairs, plans to visit Israel in pursuit of an elusive Middle East peace.)

(JCNS).–When Mr. Nixon came to the White House, it was made clear to him that there was only one man for the Middle East spot in the White House, Mr. Joseph Sisco. When the new Secretary of State, Mr. William Rogers, asked him to stay on, Mr. Sisco said yes. "It was a job opportunity that I couldn't let go of", he told an interviewer.

Mr. Sisco is a hard worker and a fast mover–a bit too fast sometimes for them, Israelis complain. But they have no complaints about Mr. Sisco himself. They say that he is eminently fair, certainly no Arabist, incredibly competent. He works a long week. The Arabs, too, along with the Russians, say they like to work with him. Although tough, they too, find him fair.

By everything in the book, Joseph John Sisco should not be where he is in the State Department–Assistant Secretary for Near East and South Asian Affairs. Or perhaps not in the State Department at all.

He does not have the looks–his broken nose gives him the face of a pugilist, not a statesman, and his earthy conversation is not what one usually hears around the precincts of Foggy Bottom in Washington.

He does not have the right parents–first-generation Italian-Americans from, in Mr. Sisco's own words, "good peasant stock", the father an opera-loving tailor.

He does not have the right school tie: Knox College and The University of Chicago, not Ivy League Yale or Harvard, and certainly not Phillips or any other exclusive preparatory school to which so many of the striped-trousers set in Washington have gone.

And he had no service abroad before his appointment as Assistant Secretary, traditionally a prerequisite for that kind of a job. This is a fact bitterly resented by the Foreign Service men whom "Jumping Joe" Sisco–his nickname–"jumped".

All these negatives are outweighed by a single positive–he has proved brilliant in his job, and he has an intimate grasp of all details of its far-flung ramifications. He has proved indispensible to Mr. Rogers, and has the best of possible relations with the seat of all American power, the President himself, and with his number one adviser on foreign and security affairs, Dr. Henry Kissinger.

Mr. Sisco was born in Chicago in 1919 to comparatively poor parents, and held all kinds of odd jobs while supporting himself through University. He graduated from Knox magna cum laude and was top man on its tennis team.

His wife, the former Miss Jean Churchill Head, is a "Wasp" (White, Anglo-Saxon, Protestant). They have two daughters.

His first year of government service was spent in the CIA, since when he has dealt primarily with United Nations and Middle East Affairs, at the State Department.

Mr. Sisco is not an Arabist or Middle East expert by training, but he stands out by his commitment to the idea of an Arab-Israeli settlement. It was natural that Mr. Rogers should have taken him along as his chief aide during the American Middle East outing in May and sent him back from Jerusalem for further talks with Egypt's President Sadat.

As the main initiator of America's Middle East policy under President Nixon he is the logical choice as his country's emissary in any serious attempt to break the deadlock.

The Israelis may be worried by the present trend of America's policies, but they have no cause to worry about Mr. Sisco. He enjoyed the confidence of Mr. Arthur Goldberg when the latter was his country's representative to the United Nations–high recommendation indeed.

Ontario Place concert

On Thursday July 22, 8 to 10:30 p.m., the exciting former conductor of the Symphony, Seiji Ozawa, will return to lead the orchestra in music of Verdi, Tchaikovsky, and Leoncavallo, with guest baritone Louis Quilico. Or try Sunday July 25, 2 to 3:30 p.m., same place . . . Victor Feldbrill will conduct music of von Suppe, Gounod, Haydn, Sousa, Strauss, Rimsky-Korsakov, with Joseph Umbrico on trumpet.

by Ephraim Kishon

Anwar, the weakling Golda, the strong

In the beginning there was the President's message and the genuine contractual peace without which madam, you won't have to withdraw a single inch. Then came Sisco and massive doses of flexibility. Now we have a partial solution: withdrawal from all territories in exchange for a six-month extension of the ceasefire.

And even this generous offer holds good only to the end of next week. Then Anwar will announce that if we withdraw from the Canal, we will be allowed to take with us our arms and flags and the prisoners will receive fair treatment. After all, we are like the Crusaders of blessed memory, as Anwar pointed out in one of his hard-sell spiels for peace; the war against us will be waged for generations with quite uncommon cruelty, and they are not going to rest until the last cross has disappeared from among us. Therefore kindly retreat to the international border, so that we may carry out our plans.

Thereupon we scurry over to Washington and enquire about our position, and the duty officer answers:

"Don't mind the Arabs' threats, it's only for internal consumption."

Halt! At ease! Doff hats!

This ancient "internal consumption" gambit is one of the most important contributions of the Arab peoples to Mediterranean culture, and it is a great pity to let them hold this monopoly unchallenged. "Internal consumption" means an international licence to say in a loud voice anything that comes to the reckless mind without need for any explanation at all. "We shall never resign ourselves to Israel's existence!" This, for instance, is strictly for internal consumption." Liberation of the territories is the first stage in the liquidation of the Zionist cancer!" I.C.!

"Anwar must say such things, sir, because he is weak. He must show some achievements within a day or two, or at the most, by Tuesday afternoon, otherwise it will be too late. We have to act at once to help him, while he still can be helped."

Our harassed Government thereupon meets and racks its brains trying to figure out what is could do for Anwar, that weakling.

Raze the Bar-Lev line?

Start an inflation?

Sabotage the Jumbo?

Something will have to be done while Anwar lasts. Any friend of our friend is our friend as well, and everybody knows that the United States has no more loyal friend than Tovarich Sadat. He now needs results within 24 hours, we'll have to do something for their sake, if for no other reason.

Here, if you don't mind is the root of our country's weakness in the international arena -- that we are so strong, damn it. Robust Golda never needs instant achievements in order to strengthen her tottering position. It's a real tragedy. At the last poll, she received three more votes than the total number of Israelis, and the Labor Party gets stronger by the day. Small wonder then that the Americans don't take us quite seriously, we are a runt of a country with no internal consumption to speak of.

Now if Golda were weak as a fly, things would look quite different. Then she would be shouting from the rooftops:

"We won't withdraw a single centimeter anywhere! These are our final borders and that's that! And if they get fresh, we cross the Canal with Ezer and the bulldozers. . ."

Of course, this is only for I.C. Golda can't help talking like that, Mr. Sisco, because of the bus strike and the Black Panthers; she must now shift attention from our domestic troubles. But all this is only I.C. Deep in her heart Golda is quite okay, she simply must show some achievements soon.

The Egyptians will have to give us Sharm-e-Sheikh within the next two hours, otherwise Golda will fall and extremist elements will seize power.

The army officers are very impatient, we are on the verge of a blow-up, help! You'll have to act at once among the Arabs, press and squeeze them, to get some fat concessions, otherwise Golda will be swept aside by the flood. Yes, that's the spirit.

This is an historic chance which may not be missed, run Anwar, run. Golda must show some results, or else we really don't know what will happen. . .

Of course, all this is plain day-dreaming. As long as this stupid people stands united behind its much-too-stable Government, instead of undermining it with gusto, as long as Golda stays as solid as that proverbial brick structure, and keeps shunning the ingenious device of internal consumption, we should not dream of meeting Anwar on our own terms. He's fighting us from all the strength of a weak position.

by Gerald Kaufman

Virtuous Burmese

(Mr. Kaufman, a Labour MP., was private secretary to Mr. Harold Wilson, the former British Prime Minister).

London, (JCNS).–Good news is too scarce a commodity to be hidden away. Yet one of the most satisfactory news items of the past few days filled less than an inch as a column-filler in the London Times.

The information in question? U Thant's statement that his decision to stand down at the end of the year as Secretary-General of the United Nations is irrevocable.

It is sad that rejoicing should be caused by the departure of an international servant of undoubted integrity and, according to his lights, of selfless dedication.

The trouble has been that U Thant's conception of his role was not that of a civil servant. He seemed to regard himself much more as a policymaking politician.

The policies of politicians from time to time give offence. But that is the way of politicians. It is also the way of their constituents that they get rid of politicians if they do not like their policies.

But any of the constituents–the member-nations–of the United Nations who did not like U Thant's policies were powerless to change them or him: They were also likely to be assured that they must be in the wrong if their conception of their national interests was in conflict with the views of so dedicated, selfless and impartial an international civil servant as U Thant.

I remember first being worried about this virtuous Burmese when, from the eminence of his office, he began to wage a campaign against United States policy in Vietnam.

It was not that I disagreed with him about Vietnam. Indeed, I thought (and still think) that he was right and the Americans wrong.

What I disagreed with was not his opinions but his behaviour. He was supposed to be above the battle. Yet he was taking sides.

I asked myself: If one accepted his interference on this occasion, just because one agreed with his reasons for interfering, how could one criticise his interference on another occasion if one then disagreed with his reasons?

The occasion arose in May, 1967, when U Thant almost broke his neck in withdrawing United Nations troops from the Israeli-Egyptian border after Nasser told him to.

From then on he used his office to carry on a personal Middle East policy which was no doubt dedicated and selfless, but also intolerably partisan. On the only occasion on which I witnessed his activities for myself, I saw with dismay exactly how partisan he was.

He committed a double sin. Not only did he take sides in a bitter conflict; but by doing so he created a hostility towards the United Nations in Israel which is perfectly understandable but equally regrettable and unhealthy.

Israel was the child of the United Nations. In that Israel was the child of the United Nations. In that country, perhaps more than any other, there should be respect and admiration for the UN. Instead there is scorn and derision. And U Thant personally must take much of the blame.

It is reported that when Dag Hammarskjoeld, a bachelor, was United Nations Secretary-General, Golda Meir (then Foreign Minister) said of him: "Why doesn't he find a nice girl and leave the Jews alone?"

U Thant, very soon, will be leaving the Jews alone. It is to be hoped that his successor will carry out his duties in a manner which will make him an early and welcome visitor in Jerusalem.

Fear racial teacher selection

New York. - A list of 47 teachers, described by name and racial-ethnic background recently distributed for the approval of parents in a Bronx New York school district, drew a quick reaction from Jewish civil rights groups here.

Milton A. Seymour, ADL Chairman, said that identifying teachers by racial and ethnic backgrounds could lead to reverse racism in employment practices. They rejected a memorandum from the district school superintendent defending the list as a means "to better determine our projected distribution of Black and Puerto Rican teachers and of future recruitment needs."

An ADL statement reiterated the League's support of efforts to secure teachers and other personnel from Negro and Puerto Rican backgrounds.

The statement also emphasized that "such personnel must be recruited and trained and appointments made based on qualifications determined by standardized procedures equitably applied. . .in order to protect against chaotic personnel practices and corruption of the educational process."

Spurring the ADL move is the memory of the bitter teachers' strike that paralyzed New York schools some three years ago with demands that Black teachers replace the whites, many of them Jewish, in certain areas. Decentralization of school control was another major issue.

In a recent column, Albert Shanker, president of the United Federation of Teachers, writes -

"One year ago, George Washington High School in New York City was plagued by anarchy and repeated violence. Now, bloody riots have been replaced by greatly improved stability and morale, and cautious hope that the future will bring instructional reforms.

"Recent reports credit principal, Samuel Kostman with the transformation.

"Both students and parents had legitimate grievances about the operation of the school which soon became the basis of a demand that a grievance table be set up in the school under control of a Table Committee of students and parents. What was not reported by the press was that the table provided an excuse for students to absent themselves from class and gather in the lobby where they were incited by speakers on a balcony to violence. During these violent months many school officials and citizens held the view that the only way to end the violence was to capitulate to those who engaged in it.

"Principal Samuel Kostman and others at the school have won a great victory by rejecting this philosophy of capitulation. The grievance table has been removed and those engaged in violence are no longer negotiated with. Kostman and his staff spend their time listening to and helping students with real grievances -- students who want to improve the school's educational program.

"Had the Table Committee been allowed to choose a new principal -- which was its chief demand -- Kostman would never have been selected.

"He would have been disqualified -- a victim of the currently fashionable doctrine that passing a Board of Examiners' test is a sign of incompetence and that in a non-white school the principal must also be non-white.

"As it turned out, Kostman, who would have been rejected because he was entitled to the job, has been the only one able to put the school back together again."

"Will not know if marrying Jews. . ."

Israeli legislation affecting conversion was strongly attacked by Rabbi Menachem Porush, Deputy Mayor of Jerusalem, in an address at the Agudath Israel Center here last week. The rabbi complained that the bill recently passed by the Knesset does not comply with halachic law, and that one day "this bill will force your children to face the dilemma of not knowing whether they are marrying Jews."

Rabbi Porush, who was in Toronto to attend a world conference of mayors, urged all segments of Jewry to request that the bill be reconsidered and amended.

He explained Agudath Israel's refusal to join a religious block in the Knesset on the grounds that the other parties don't share its adherence to decisions of the Moetzes Gedolei Hatorh.

The Rabbi, whose family has been in Jerusalem for 200 years said, "I would welcome Arab representation on the Jerusalem city council but so far they have shown no interest".

He named Russia as the main obstacle to peace in the Middle East, and said that peace would soon be achieved if Russia stopped supporting the Arab states.

Rabbi Porush described the Middle East situation as critical but pointed out that "we are used to it because it was critical for Jews in Israel as far back as the days of Turkish rule."

Dayan warns arms gap

Mr. Moshe Dayan, the Israeli Defense Minister, gave warning this week that if the Americans were to withhold arms to Israel as a result of Egyptian pressure the chances for a settlement would be lessened.

Israel's fears about the gap in arms supplies arises from the fact that it usually takes many months from the time that requests are made to the Americans for approval to be received and arms sent.

The Israeli Government is worried that the Egyptians, encouraged by their new massive arms supplies from the Soviet Union and the hesitation by the American Administration to maintain the balance of power in the Middle East, may launch a full-scale attack.

ADL-

Libel suit welcomed

New York, - The B'nai B'rith Anti - Defamation League said today that it welcomed the $24 million libel suit filed against it in the U.S. District Court in Washington, by Col. Hassan Jeru-Ahmed, director of the Blackman's Development Center, who the League has accused of antisemitism. Seymour Graubard, national chairman of the ADL, said that "as of today, ADL has not been served with the Hassan complaint but upon such service the League has directed counsel to take all possible steps necessary to bring the case to trial as quickly as possible for a full and fair public airing." An ADL spokesman said the ADL has seen the complaint.

Hassan accuses the defense agency of allegedly conspiring to block a $523,000 Federal grant for remedial education and occupational programs conducted by the Blackman's Development Center. The ADL described the center as "part of a complicated maze of operations directed by Hassan, including a paramilitary 'Blackman's Volunteer Army of Liberation' and an organization that he calls the 'Provisional Government of the United Moorish Republic'."

Chief rabbis stay until '72

Jerusalem, - A Ministerial committee headed by Mr. Yaacov Shapiro, the Israeli Justice Minister, charged at the weekend with drafting a Chief Rabbinate Election Bill, has completed its work and will submit its proposals to the Cabinet on Sunday.

The Knesset is required to pass a Bill by August 2 to extend for a fourth time the term of office of the Chief Rabbinate. The draft Bill extends this until January 1, 1972, to allow for the election of new Chief Rabbis.

The Ministerial committee has rejected the proposal of Mr. Moshe Dayan, the Defense Minister, that there should be only one Chief Rabbi and another by Mr. Moshe Kol, the Tourism Minister, for an age limit.

It recommends the election of two Chief Rabbis, one Ashkenazi, the other Sephardi, as in the past; and that the Rabbinical Council should include the Chief Rabbi of Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa with ten elected rabbis, five Ashkenazi and five Sephardi.

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Palestinian mystique - continued -

ceives only the naive and the uninformed. In 1961, Egyptian President Gamal Abdul Nasser declared that "if the Arabs return to Israel, Israel will cease to exist". In 1970, the new line notwithstanding, Arafat said virtually the same thing and sabotaged his own bi-national state propaganda: "Palestine is only a small drop in the great Arab ocean. Our nation is the Arab nation extending from the Atlantic Sea to the Red Sea and beyond". The Palestine National Covenant, which was adopted by the Palestinian National Council in 1968 and which still holds, makes it clear that the only Jews who would be permitted to remain in the bi-national state were those who came before the "Zionist invasion"; the date for that "invasion" was set by a resolution of the 1964 First Palestinian Congress as 1917.

A more recent self-expose was delivered by Shafik al-Hut, head of the PLO's Beirut office, and quoted in the Lebanese daily Al Anwar on March 8, 1970: "If the slogan of the Democratic State is intended only to answer the accusations that we wish to throw the Jews into the sea -- then it is a successful slogan and an effective political and propaganda response. But if we wish to see it in terms of the ultimate goal of the national Palestinian and Arab liberation movement, then it should be thoroughly reconsidered."

The fact is that the Palestinian terrorists who demand their "right" to return to Palestine have never really left Palestine. Jordan was originally part of what was called Palestine: but Winston Churchill severed what later became Jordan from the Mandate in 1922 in order to create a kingdom for Abdullah, King Hussein's grandfather. The terrorists themselves, during their Eighth Palestinian Congress in March 1971, formally acknowledged that the Jordanians and Palestinians are one people and that Jordan and Palestine are one country. If the terrorists regard Jordan as the homeland of the Palestinians, then the goal that they are pursuing is not to regain a homeland, but to enlarge one they have never lost. And their so-called war of liberation is in fact a war of expansion.

NEGATIVE RESULTS

The failure of the terrorists to gain grass-roots Palestinian support and to damage Israel's morale reveals the fatal weakness of their Palestinian mystique: They cannot create a nationalism which does not exist by seeking to destroy one which does.

The terrorists fancy themselves to be the followers of Che Guevara and Mao Tse-tung. They assume that they can wage a devastating war of nerves against Israel. As one PLO member explained to a Look magazine editor two years ago: "We'll make the cost too high for Israel, five or ten billion dollars a year, until they tire of paying the bill."

In the first place, the Arab terrorists are not guerrilla fighters after the fashion of Che and Mao, who did not get paid for fighting; with the exception of Marxists who make up the Popular Front, the Arab terrorists are salaried. Furthermore, successfup guerrillas need the support of the indegenous population, and the Israelis hardly provide the stuff of that support.

Contrary to their expectations, the terrorists did not inflict major material damage in Israel. But the more serious error in judgment concerns the terrorist strategy itself. Terrorism can be effective to oust foreign rule; even to overcome superior overall strength by causing enough trouble to convince outsiders that it is not worthwhile to remain. Thus indegenous terrorism could get the French out of Algeria, but it could not get the French out of France or the Israelis out of Israel. The Israelis are the indigenous population of Israel, the terrorists are the outsiders. An explosion in a supermarket or university cafeteria may take the lives of several Israelis, but it cannot induce the Israelis to go home -- they are home.

That the terrorist attacks even in the occupied territories have not assumed the proportions of guerrilla warfare is due partly to the efficiency and fortitude of the Israelis and partly to the lack of commitment of the Palestinian Arabs on whom the terrorists had to rely for success. The West Bank where 600,000 Palestinian Arabs have lived under the Israel occupation for four years, has been nearly as quiet as Israel proper. In Gaza the victims of the Arab terrorists are more often Arab residents than Israel soldiers.

Even more significant, in terms of their own future, was the terrorists' crushing defeat in Jordan last fall. The terrorists found the Palestinian population in Jordan unsympathetic. Arafat, who was fighting for freedom of operations in Jordan, lost much of his manpower in the bloodbath. And the Jordanian army which dealt the crucial blow to Palestinian terrorist power was itself more than 50 percent Palestinian.

The Jordan fiasco threw the fragmented and squabbling terrorist groups into even greater disarray. When the Eighth Palestinian Congress convened in March, the theme was the need for unity. The inability of the terrorist organizations to organize themselves inspired the Palestine Liberation Army Chief's wry comment that the conference, which had observed a minute of silence for its war dead, "should have kept three additional minutes of silence for the loss of wisdom of the Palestine revolution".

It would be premature to conclude, however, that the Palestinian mystique will decline and fall along with the terrorists. Unlike the proverbial river, the Palestinian mystique has risen above its source. The prestige of the Palestinian terrorists has from the beginning been dependent on external forces rather than their own strength. Thus two weeks ago, when Saudi Arabia's King Faisal went to Egypt for top-level talks with President Anwar Sadat, they included Arafat in one of their sessions and wound up dispatching personal representatives to deliver a joint message to Hussein calling for an end to the fighting between Jordanian troops and the terrorists -- a not-very-subtle warning to end the continuing Jordanian crackdown on the terrorists.

KEEPERS OF THE MYSTIQUE

Even if the terrorists suffer a political setback in their Arab sponsor states, the mystique will be kept alive and well by the Palestinian and other Arab intellectuals who claim to share the Palestinian leadership with the terrorists in the field. These arm chair terrorists in New York, Washington and Beirut preceded their bomb-throwing brothers and, by definition, outlive them. They invent the moral arguments which encourage young Palestinians to give up their own lives and take those of others in an attempt to achieve the impossible. And they recruit a cheering squad among radical Western youth.

Their role was aptly described by one of their number in a letter to an Israel professor, which was reprinted in New Outlook (December 1970). The author of the letter, who identified himself as a Lebanese Christian and asked the Israeli to reply to an Iowa box number, wrote in part:

"Professor Shamir, if this letter leaves any impression on you, I hope it will be that of a wish to understand the close association of Arab youth and intellectuals with the Palestinian revolution. Please do not classify us as factions or as Lebanese Christians, because I assure you that we constitute the spinal cord of the Palestinian revolutionary organizations. Without the Arab intellectual's support and commitment to the revolutionary goals of El Fatan and PFLP, the henchmen of King Hussein and the Deuxieme Bureau of ex-President Fouad Chehab would have crushed any need for talking about the Palestinians as a people without a country, a land and a government. The world is full of refugees, numbering many more than the Palestinians, but the Palestinians have organized leadership. . .

"I am signing this letter with an assumed name. The reason, of course, is for security purposes. . ."

Small wonder that the effort to enlist Palestinians in the United States to rally around the cause has met with little success. As Dr. Mohammed Mehdi grieved when only 15 out of the 10,000 Palestinians in New York answered the call of his Action Committee on American Arab Relations to participate in a protest demonstration against the establishment of Israel: "Where are the Palestinians?"

PALESTINIAN STATE?

The problem of the displaced Palestinian Arabs was politicized from its inception by the Arab states; now it has been commercialized by the press.

The net effect on Western public opinion has been to create a groundswell of support for the concept of a separate West Bank state.

Oddly enough, if there is one point on which most of the principals themselves can agree, it is that there should be no new Palestinian state.

Israel maintains that her war has always been with the Arab states and it is they who must negotiate with her. While Israel originally accepted the Palestinian state as conceived in the partition plan, and agreed to subsidize her, such a state was not viable in 1948 and would have an even smaller chance of surviving today: Syria has never abandoned her claim to "Palestine" and, while Jordan is a match for Syrian power, a fledgling Palestinian state could hardly be expected to throw back a Syrian challenge to its independence without outside protection.

Furthermore, the Palestinian terrorists have rejected outright any thought of a Palestinian Arab state which does not absorb the Jewish state within its borders. Last winter, prompted by a sudden display of support for a separate state among West Bank leaders, Arafat declared that he had told "the West Bank inhabitants that if anyone raises his voice calling for an establishment of a feeble state, we will cut off his head."

The Jordanian Parliament has gone on record against it. Jordan, like Israel, fears the threat to her security which might be posed by a Syrian or terrorist takeover of a separate Palestinian entity. Moreover, even excluding the inhabitants of the West Bank, the population of Jordan is largely Palestinian -- and loyal to the King. The Palestinian terrorists recognized the oneness of Jordan and Palestine in March; Hussein had been saying much the same thing for years.

The proposal to create a separate West Bank state is not necessarily pro-Israel or pro-Arab; neither, however, is it necessarily pro-Palestinian. But it will be up to the Palestinians themselves to decide whether they are to live as part of Israel, as part of Jordan or in a separate state of their own; it will not be up to Israel to make all the determinations.

One thing seems certain: The Palestinians on the West Bank are anxious to keep borders and options open and to maintain friendly relations with their neighbors, both Arabs and Jews.

Rev. MacLeod

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tians can neither speak critically of Israel right now in a way that Jews can helpfully hear.

"There was a time when Protestants and Catholics, ashamed of the gulf between them, hesitated to criticize each other and were often seen smiling carefully together in public. But since Pope John, these relationships have been more human, and honest exchange of opinion with respect on both sides is now possible and common."

However the analogy doesn't hold up.

While feelings between Jews and Christians may on occasion become raw, it is because Jews have given up smiling carefully, as they did for hundreds of years, at their Christian critics. It is precisely because of Israel that Canada's Jews have found the pride to speak openly and honestly to Christians. The dialogue may be a heated one, Christian participants may have to risk having their feelings bruised and their self-righteousness punctured. They may even have to accept the fact that some among them, including ministers, do not approach the subject free of all bias, ancient prejudices and latent antisemitism.

Judging from the warmth of his article, Rev. N. Bruce MacLeod would be among those most willing to take the risk.

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Africa and condemns Israel for "approaches to reactionary regimes in general".

The Rev. John Morgan, in view of the strong feelings he has repeatedly expressed, hardly seems fit to serve as a co-Chairman of an organization claiming an even-handed approach on the Middle East.

There are two men whose presence on the provisional executive of CAMEU seems appropriate. The first is Dr. A. E. Kadry, a young physician practising in Toronto. He is of Arab descent, an enthusiastic supporter of the Arab states and an advocate of a Palestinian entity. He is honest in his advocacy and militant on behalf of his cause. What was most striking however, during a personal conversation, was the sincerity of his effort to understand Israeli thinking.

The second is Dr. Wilfred Cantwell-Smith who has been a visiting professor at the University of Toronto this past year. This fall he returns to his regular post at Harvard University. He is a genuine scholar of the highest international repute. He has written extensively on Arab psychology and social structure. His work offers little solace to a simplistic pro-Arab view.

Finally, we must mention the Rev. N. Bruce MacLeod, co-Chairman and chief organizer, with John Morgan and A. C. Forrest, of Canadians for A Middle East Understanding. MacLeod, who is discussed in greater detail elsewhere in this issue of The Canadian Jewish News, is undoubtedly genuine in his efforts to be fair and helpful to both sides. There are, however, times when sincerity is not enough. Balance frequently depends on not being overwhelmed by the company one keeps.

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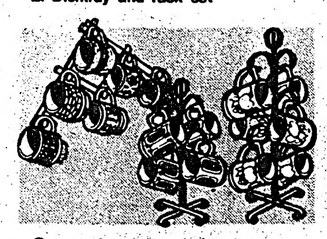

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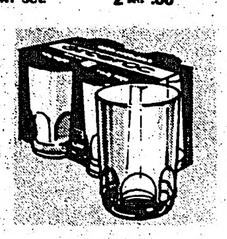

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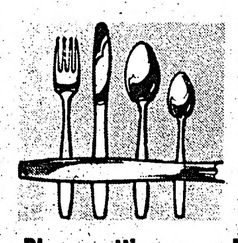

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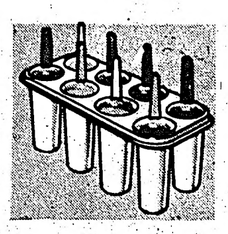

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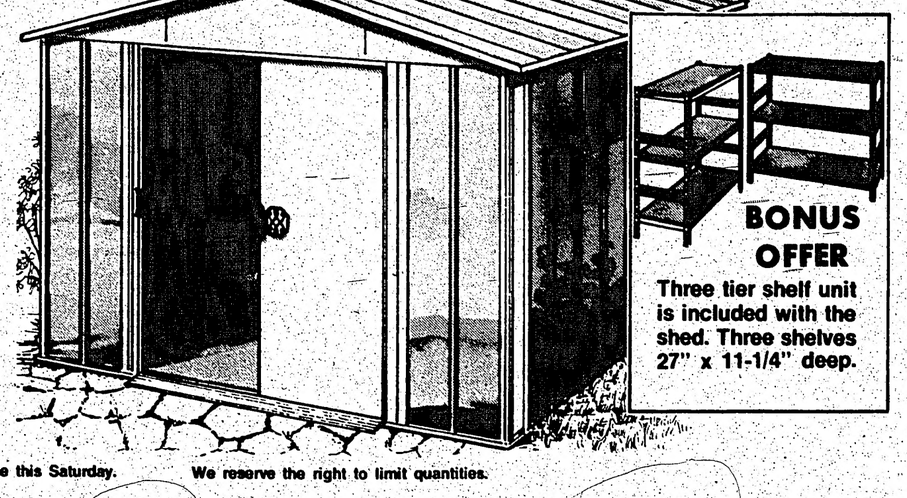

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